

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement dated February 23, 2005 is respectfully requested.

Claim Status

Claims 1-38 are pending in the Application. Claim 38 has been amended. No new matter has been added. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Support for amended claim 38 may be found in claim 26, claim 28, and specification page 29. Claim 38 includes features of claim 26.

Applicants Provisionally Elect With Traverse

In response to the Action requiring species election, Applicants, as the requirement is best understood, provisionally elect with traverse the alleged Species I. At least claims 1-37 are readable on alleged Species I.

The Action indicated that Species II (associated with claim 38) differed from Species I because it did not include a detector for sensing the presence of an unauthorized object adjacent the card slot. Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 38 is now readable on alleged Species I. Claim 38 specifically recites (in step a) “sensing with at least one sensing device adjacent to a card reader slot of a user interface of an automated banking machine, an unauthorized object adjacent to the card reader slot”. As all claims 1-38 are readable on alleged Species I, withdrawal of said requirement is respectfully requested.

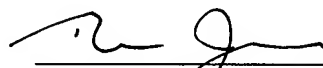
Conclusion

It is respectfully requested that the traversed species requirement be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance.

The undersigned will be happy to discuss any aspect of the Application by telephone at the Office's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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